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## Congressman Dent's statement on the death of terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (PA-15) issued the following statement upon learning that terrorist leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi was killed by U.S. troops in Iraq:

“My thanks and praise goes out to our troops who have killed terrorist mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. This individual has been a source of death and destruction in Iraq and the entire Middle East for the past few years.

“Al-Zarqawi, once described by Osama bin Laden as ‘the Prince of Al Qaeda in Iraq,’ is personally responsible for fanning the flames of sectarian violence that has killed U.S. troops and many more Iraqi civilians. His goal was to cause division and slow the progress of the democratically elected government of Iraq in its efforts to stabilize the nation.

“His reign of terror spread throughout the Middle East. In his native Jordan, al-Zarqawi was responsible for a hotel bombing in Amman that killed innocent wedding guests last year – a hotel where I had stayed just a few months earlier.

I do not expect the death of one man to solve all the problems in Iraq. However, I believe the operations of his anti-civilian insurgency have taken a major blow, and I believe the government of Iraq should be encouraged to

continue moving forward. Most importantly, the message is sent that the United States remains fully engaged against terrorism in the Middle East, and we will win.”

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